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## HOW TO MAKE FABRICS FIRE-RESISTANT

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Formula - 7 ounces borax; 3 ounces boric acid; 2 quarts hot water. (Borax & boric acid obtainable from drug or grocery stores.) Make paste of powdered boric acid & little hot water. Add paste & borax to rest of hot water. Stir till clear. If allowed to stand, solution will get cloudy. Will clear when heated.

Procedure - dip dry article in solution, wring out, dry. If to be ironed - sprinkle with solution till damper than usual. Iron when nearly dry, with moderately hot

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iron. Iron may collect crystals; remove with clean wet cloth. Articles that are washed must be fireproofed after each washing, as solution washes out.

Articles to be fireproofed - curtains, drapes, when near stove or fireplace, children's clothing, cloth rugs in front of fireplace, fabric heat deflectors, ironing board covers, pot lifters, trimmings for Christmas trees.

Solution - does not change color or texture of materials; does not affect life of fabric or appearance. Fireproofing cotton fabrics more important than silk & wool which burn less readily.

WARNING - fireproofing does not make fabric 100% fire-proof, but does prevent spreading of flames.

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